

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

An amendment after final is being submitted. The entrance of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

Applicant appreciates the time Examiner has spent in holding an interview on August 30, 2010. In the interview, Applicant requested the entrance of the amendment after final for the following three items.

1) A replacement drawing to show the missing bottom part of Figure 1. No new matter is added because the missing bottom part of Figure 1 is shown in Figure 2.

2) An amendment to claim 1 to replace “between a cutting blade” with “between cutting blades”

3) Withdrawal of objection to the drawings because “hole formed through the cutter” in claim 5 is shown in Figure 2 near the element 14a.

Examiner agreed to enter the above mentioned amendment, if the above amendment does not raise new issues and if the above amendment clarifies issues before appeal.

Amendments to the claims

Claims 1-5 and 7 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended in order to clarify the language. The word “incision” has been replaced with --incision,-- in order to add a comma. Also, the words “between a cutting blade” has been replaced with --between cutting blades--. No new matter is added.

Objections to the drawings

Figure 1 is rejected because the bottom of Figure 1 is missing. In response, Applicant has submitted a replacement sheet of drawing showing the bottom portion of Figure 1. No new matter is added because the bottom portion of Figure 1 is shown in its entirety by Figure 2.

The drawings are objected on the grounds that the “hole formed through the enter” recited in claim 5 is not supported by the drawings. However, the hole is shown in Figure

2 near the element 14a.

In view of the replacement sheet of drawings and remarks above, the withdrawal of objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Claims

Claim 1 is objected on the grounds that it is not clear how holes are formed between a single cutting blade. In response, Applicant has replaced the words “between a cutting blade” with --between cutting blades--. The withdrawal of objection to the claim is respectfully requested in view of the amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the above amendment as they simplify the issue and improve the form for appeal.

Respectively submitted,

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